(b) what is the mechanism evolved to ensure that Kashmiri Pandit Refugee employees of the Jammu and Kashmir State are able to rejoin their civil posts; and

(c) the details of the assistance proposed to be given to each Pandit family to rehabilitate/reconstruct/ repair the properties burnt or damaged before or after the departure of the Pandits from the Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) For the safe return of Kashmiri migrants, including those of the Pandit Community, and Government employees to their homes and callings/vocations in the Valley, concerted drive against militancy and various confidence building measures are being taken to create conditions conductive to their return. The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Government in this regard. The question of assistance for reconstruction of houses, etc. on their return to J&K would also be addressed taking into account the ex-gratia relief already paid to some migrants in respect of their properties destroyed in terrorist violence.

Loss of life and property due to Heavy snowfall and avalanches in Kashmir

1609. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of life and property due to the heavy snowfall and avalanches in January, 1995 in Kashmir

(b) whether it is a fact that there was no fore-warning regarding these avalanches and whether such facilities are not available; and

(c) the details of relief given to the sufferers'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER OFFICE (SHRI BHUNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) 60 persons died and 4 persons sustained injuries due to avalanches between Qazigund to Jawahar Tunnel on the National Highway during the month of January, 1995. Forecast/ warnings are given about heavy snow fall/rains on A. I. R../Doordarshan on the basis of forecast/warnings issued by the Meteorological Department. The State Government has also ordered an inquiry into the circumstances leading to this unfortunate calamity by a retired judge of the State High Court.

(c) me state Government paid Rs. 1 lakh each to the next of kin of those who died in the incident and Rs. 20,000/- each to those who sustained injuries, in addition to on-the-spot relief and rescue operations carried out by the State Authorities and various Central Organisations for immediate succour.

कश्मीर में आई०एस०आई० के एजेन्ट के रूप में कार्य कर रहे अधिकारी

1610. श्री संदर सिंह भंडारी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी प्राप्त हुई है कि कश्मीर में कार्यरत कुछ अधिकारी आई.एस.आई. के एजेंट के रूप में कार्य कर रहे हैं, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) ऐसे अधिकारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनकी विदेशों में तैनाती हुई है और वे लम्बी छुट्टियों पर गये हुए हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ;

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी): (क) इस प्रकार की कोई विशिष्ट रिपोर्ट सरकार की जानकारी में नहीं आई हैं।

(ख) और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

कश्मीर की यात्रा करने वाले पर्यटकों के लिए सुरक्षा व्यवस्था

1611. श्री शंकरदयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों ने जम्मू और कश्मीर की यात्रा की;

(ख) क्या इन पर्यटकों के लिए कोई विशेष सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की गई थी; यदि हां, तो क्या यह व्यवस्था भविष्य में भी जारी रहेगी; और

(ग) इस अवधि के दौरान कितने तीर्थयात्रियों ने वैष्णो देवी और अमरनाथ की यात्रायें कीं?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी): (क) 19,622।

(ख) विभिन्न स्थानों पर आने वाले पर्यटकों को आवश्यक सुरक्षा कवच प्रदान किया जाता है और आवश्यकतानुसार यह भविष्य में भी जारी रहेगा।

(ग) वर्ष 1994 में 37,05,945 तीर्थ यात्रियों ने वैष्णो देवी तथा 37,000 तीर्थ यात्रियों ने अमरनाथ गुफा की यात्रा की।

Rocket attack on temple in Srinagar

1612. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the Ganesh Temple at Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir was rocketed by terrorists recently;

(b) if so, the details of the loss suffered by the temple and the number of Jawans of the anny killed *in* the attack; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to this attack and the steps taken to safeguard both the individuals and religious properties of Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) On 11.1.1995 at around 14.45 hours a rocket was fired by terrorists at the Security Forces Unit deployed at the Ganpatyar Temple in Srinagar. However, the rocket missed the target and hit a nearby saria buildings, causing minor damage to it. There was no damage of. any kind to the temple and there was no loss of life or injury to anyone in this attack. Security arrangements in the area have been strengthened with a view to sanitising it against possible attacks by terrorists. Continuous patrolling is being done by the Security Forces and vigilance is being maintained in sensitive/vulnerable areas, including religious shrines, with a view to preventing untoward activities of terrorists.

Establishment of terrorist training Centres by Pakistan

1613. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has established its terrorist training centres just 25 Kms. off the inter-national border on the Jammu side;

(to) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resist the nefarious acts of Pakistan?